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SUBJECT: GOE REQUEST THAT DR. FAROUK EL BAZ ACT AS
SCIENTIFIC ADVISER FOR PRESIDENT SADAT

1. AS DEPT AWARE, DR. FAROUK EL BAZ OF SMITHSONIAN HAS
RECENTLY VISITED EGYPT AND ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT SADAT
ON HIS RECENT TOUR OF THE WESTERN OASES. DURING TRIP,
SADAT ASKED EL BAZ TO ACT AS HIS SCIENTIFIC ADVISER.
THIS WOULD NOT ENTAIL RESIDENCE IN EGYPT, BUT OCCASIONAL
TRIPS TO EGYPT AS REQUESTED BY SADAT. YESTERDAY AMBASSA-
DOR RECEIVED LETTER, DATED MAY 8, FROM FONMIN KAMEL
FORMALLY REQUESTING USG (SPECIFICALLY SMITHSONIAN) AGREE-
MENT THAT EL BAZ ACT IN THIS CAPACITY. TEXT OF LETTER IS
SET FORTH BELOW:

2. QUOTE:
DEAR AMBASSADOR EILTS,

I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT PRESIDENT SADAT
REQUESTED DR. FAROUK EL-BAZ TO ACT AS HIS ADVISOR FOR
SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS. IT IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD THAT DR. EL-BAZ
SHALL BE UNDERTAKING HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT IN ADDITION TO
HIS PRESENT DUTIES AS RESEARCH DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR
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EARTH AND PLANETARY STUDIES AT THE NATIONAL AIR AND SPACE -
MUSEUM OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTE, IN WASHINGTON D.C.
CONSEQUENTLY, DR. EL-BAZ'S (SIC) SHALL BE CALLED UPON TO
VISIT EGYPT PERIODICALLY.

IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU KINDLY CONVEYED THE AFORE-
MENTIONED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

IN CONCLUSION, PLEASE ACCEPT, MR. AMBASSADOR, THE
ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

MOHAMED IBRAHIM KAMEL
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: ASSUMING THAT DR. EL BAZ'S WORK WITH THE
SMITHSONIAN PERMITS, RECOMMEND THAT WE ACCEDE TO THE
EGYPTIAN REQUEST. SADAT HAS A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE
IN DR. EL BAZ AND LATTER'S PARTICIPATION AS PRESIDENTIAL
SCIENTIFIC ADVISER COULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL. SUGGEST
MATTER BE DISCUSSED WITH DR. EL BAZ TO ASCERTAIN HOW MUCH
OF HIS TIME HE BELIEVES PROPOSED FUNCTION WOULD INVOLVE.

ALSO REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON APPROPRIATE REPLY. EILTS

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